Aberdeen SkillsUSA Team Loads up On Awards

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The Aberdeen High School chapter of SkillsUSA competed in the state conference this past weekend (April 12th through 14th) and came home with ten state medals including four state champions and over $4,500 in scholarships and prizes. Aberdeen High School’s state champions have qualified to compete at the national conference to be held in Kansas City, MO this June.Aberdeen High Sophomore Erika Nelson and Bobcat Junior Nicole Tanselli were re-elected as state SkillsUSA officers for the 2012-2013 school year. Erika served this past year as Washington State’s SkillsUSA President, while Nicole served as the Olympic Region Vice-President.Also, Aberdeen Instructor Chuck Veloni was recognized as the Washington State SkillsUSA Advisor of the year. The Aberdeen High School Chapter of SkillsUSA will be hosting a Cowboy Bar-B-Que Wednesday May 16th in the commons at Aberdeen High School from 6PM to 8PM. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased from any SkillsUSA member. The Aberdeen Chapter of SkillsUSA will be trying to raise $10,000 to send six students and two advisors to the national conference in Kansas City MO. If you are interested in helping to make this goal a reality, please send any donations to

Aberdeen High School
attn: SkillsUSA National Fund
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State Champions are; Michael Vanairsdale – Residential Wiring Tommy Ryan – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Tommy Ryan – Major Appliance Repair Robbie Kenagy & Selena Alvarado – Audio Production Silver Medalists; Michael Vanairsdale – Major Appliance Repair Kellen Schroeder – Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Tommy Ryan – Residential Wiring Kayla Shelton & Sidney Fenn – Audio Production Sidney Fenn – Prepared Speech Bronze Medalists; Jenna Prater & Austin Mullikin – Audio Production Other students who attended and competed at the state conference are; Amber Rosche’ – Photography Tanner Niels – Carpentry